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JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN I

ALEXANDER FOREST GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of: Louisiana Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

Project No.: W-30-D-11 Name: Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations

I. Development

Job 1. Establishment of Boundary.

The approximate twenty-five mile boundary was checked and brushed where needed. Boundary signs were put up on line trees or fences. The Forestry Commission keeps the boundary painted and only a minimum of boundary painting was necessary. Entrance signs have been requisitioned and will be erected when they are received. At the three main entrances the lettering will be routed while entrances of lesser importance will have painted signs.

II. Management

Job 1. Deer Trapping.

Thirty-eight deer traps were relocated following the spring trapping and were salted. In October they were kept baited for a three week period and were set during the first two weeks of November. Nine female and three buck deer were caught. Seven females and one male were placed in the deer corrals on Red Dirt for the 29 R browse supplement study. The remainder were released on the Lutcher-Moore Game Management Area. In January

they were prebaited for a short period before being set. The traps were operated through March with only seven does and two bucks caught. These animals were released as follows: Lutcher-Moore Game Management Area, five does and two bucks; Winn Parish deer enclosure, one female; and District VI, one female. The poor trapping success was attributed to trap shyness as they did not respond to either soy beans or salt.

III. Maintenance

Job 1. Boundary Maintenance.

Little maintenance was required.

WORK PLAN II

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BODCAU GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of Louisiana Name Statewide Wildlife

Project No. W-30-D-11 Development and Operations

DEVELOPMENT

Job 1: Quail & Dove

Controlled burning and discing were used in the scarification of soil to improve the habitat for quail, doves and turkeys. Approximately 500 acres were covered with a controlled burn. Most of the discing was done inside the fenced area where livestock competition had been removed, thus wildlife will reap the benefits of this work.

Food strips were planted to agricultural crops for wildlife use. Planting dates were staggered to provide seed over a longer period of time and several varieties of seed bearing plants were planted.

Job 2: Waterfowl

Preliminary surveys were made to locate suitable areas for green tree impoundments. Two sites have been selected and further investigation as to the feasibility of making them into impoundments are in progress at this time.

A short levee was built across a narrow willow oak flat and a 15" dia. concrete culvert was installed. Rain water runoff will provide the water necessary for flooding this flat for duck use. Approximately 10 acres will be flooded in addition to the already existing 1,800 acre impoundments.

Water levels were maintained throughout the duck hunting season so as to provide desirable levels for ducks and hunters. Hunter effort was good and a kill of above average for this area was realized.

Job 3: Turkey

Only two hens were released on this area this year. Tracks were seen in the release area about 90 days later and would seem to indicate that these birds survived. Turkey from the initial release in 1962-63 were seen on the game management area as late as October and tracks believed to have been made by a hen were seen in January of 1964. No broods have been seen. A recently used dusting site was located June of 1964.

Habitat improvement inside the fenced areas, controlled burning, and shelled corn should have provided the turkey with plenty of foodstuffs for establishing their range in this area.

Job 4: Forest and Habitat Management

Two timber sales were processed on the area this year. This will open up the forest overstory and should improve the ground cover which provides most of the wildlife food. Controlled burning was used to open up overstory and maintain the openings left by old fields in areas where the timber has not reached commercial value.

MANAGEMENT

Job 1: Hunts on Area

Hunts on the area were conducted as in previous years to coincide with the seasons of the surrounding parishes. No dogs other than bird dogs were allowed on the area.

Spot checks by district personnel revealed that about 80% of the hunter traffic entered the area on the Tram Road from the big dam. This was the best

deer season yet on this area. Hunter effort was far greater than last year and reports indicate the kill on this area to be considerably higher than at any previous time.

The squirrel population was low this year and the kill on this area was also low. Hunter effort was rated as fair.

MAINTENANCE

Job 1: Roads, Bridges, and Trails

Roads were graded with motor patrol, pull grader and ford tractor. No native gravel was obtained, but washed gravel was purchased with timber funds and spread on the roads in the areas which needed it most. One small bridge on the east side of Bodcau Bayou was built at no cost, thereby, opening a much needed access road.

Job 2: Boundary Signs and Maps

Some boundary lines were repainted and some boundary signs and road markers were put up. Hunters were given maps of the area with their permit as requested.

Submitted by /s/ R. B. Kimble
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District One

ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

PROJECT W-30-D-11

WORK PLAN III: Operation of Game Management Areas

TITLE: Caldwell G. M. A.

PERIOD COVERED: July 1, 1963 through June 30, 1964

I. INTRODUCTION

The Caldwell G. M. A., consisting of approximately 12,000 acres is located in the Southeastern part of Caldwell Parish. With the exception of 4,000 acres, which were fenced to exclude cattle in April of 1961, the area is open range. Within the fenced area rank growth of vegetation, both herbaceous and woody have resulted. Following this rank growth, which has created excellent habitat, is a growing deer herd and the first sound management program of harvesting a portion of this herd was taken during the season of 1963.

II. DEVELOPMENT

Job I: Roads, Bridges and Culverts:

A twelve mile improved dirt road was constructed during the summer of 1963. Beginning near the center of the G. M. A. this road extends through the G. M. area and terminates at the South line of the G. M. A. This improved road serves as a main access road for hunters using the area, as well as aiding in the efficient operation in carrying out the routine work plans on the G. M. A. In addition, 144 linear feet of culverts were installed at various locations along this road for drainage purposes. A 10' x 14' bridge constructed of creosote timbers over a small intermittent stream along with installation of

two 30" concrete culverts (60 linear feet) along the south boundary line were completed. These were installed and constructed to aid in better hunter access to the area.

III: MANAGEMENT

Job I: Squirrel Hunt

A managed squirrel hunt was conducted on the Caldwell G. M. A. from October 6, 1963 through October 26, 1963. Hunters were mailed permits which were valid for the entire season and a total of 360 permits was issued from District IV office. Spot checks during this managed squirrel hunt resulted in the 223 bag checks being made resulting in 464 squirrels being killed for a hunter success average of 2.1 squirrels per hunting effort.

Job II: Deer (gun)

The Caldwell G. M. A. was opened for a five day managed hunt during the 1963 season. The season originally set was for 5 day "any deer", or until a specified number of deer were killed, with the remainder of days being open for "buck only" hunting. Two hundred twenty-five deer were killed the first day and seventeen bucks were killed during the last four days.

The following table illustrates deer hunting data for the 1963 season:

		SEX			PERCENT OF TOTAL	
YEAR	HUNTER EFFORT	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL DEER	MALE	FEMALE
1963	1268	120	122	242	49.6	50.4

Deer (Bow)

A bow and arrow season was held on the area during the regular state-wide hunt. Hunters were issued a season permit from the District IV office.

Spot checks during the season indicate considerable hunting effort, however, only one known kill was recorded for the area. It is believed that interest in bow and arrow hunting will increase on, not only the Caldwell G. M. A., but on other areas as well.

IV. MAINTENANCE

Job I: Food Plots

The existing food plots were mowed regularly and fences repaired where needed.

Job II: Salt Licks

Several salt licks were established on the area and salted in the spring of the year.

Job III: Boundaries & roads

Boundary markers were replaced and boundary lines and jeep roads were brushed out by use of D-6 caterpillar during this segment. A number of woods roads were mowed with tractor and bushhog to aid in hunter access on the area.

Job IV: Check Stations

The three checking and permit stations were painted and windows replaced where needed. Also three completed deer weighing racks were constructed during the period covered by this report. This consisted of erecting six 12' creosote poles with cross members placed at the top to facilitate in weighing of deer.

Job V: Overnight Cabin Maintenance

The overnight cabin was remodeled to include an addition of a trailer which is used as a kitchen during the managed hunt. The cabin was converted to sleeping quarters which will accomodate up to seven persons. A water well

has been installed and a pump house completed, thereby furnishing the overnight facilities with an adequate water supply.

V: MISCELLANEOUS

As previously mentioned, 4,000 acres of the G. M. A. has been fenced against cattle. Our hunter bag check records conducted over the past four years have not revealed any gray squirrels ever being killed on the area. Immediately following the close of the 1963 squirrel season on the area 33 gray squirrels, 15 females and 18 males, were brought in from south Louisiana, ear tagged and released at several selected sites (the thicket area). It is planned that during future squirrel hunting seasons as many hunter bag checks as possible will be made to determine if there was any reproduction and growth in population as a result of these releases of gray squirrels.

Predator control work was conducted during the entire year on the Caldwell G. M. A.

Caldwell G. M. A. is just beginning to become of prominence as a Wildlife Management Area and will continue in importance as habitat is improved on the area and as our management and development program on the area increases each year.

Submitted by:

Dewey W. Wills
District IV Supervisor

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN IV

CATAHOULA GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of: Louisiana Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

Project No.: W-30-D-11 Name: Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations

I. Development

Job 1. Turkey Development.

The turkey release did not materialize as too few birds were located in the neighborhood of Red Dirt and no attempt at trapping was made. An effort to secure birds from out of state was also unsuccessful.

Job 2. Wildlife Openings.

Debris was removed from a number of log "decking out" areas along the roads described in the following Job 3. These openings range in size from one half to one acre. They will be bush-hogged when equipment and time permits. The larger openings described in the Work Plan were not cleared due to need for the heavy equipment in other areas.

Job 3. Roads

Eight access roads, totalling about twenty-four miles were cleared on the area. These roads formerly were log hauling roads and generally followed ridges. This right-of-way was widened, brush was removed and deep ruts filled. These roads, four on the western side and four on the eastern side, will enable hunters to

reach more of the area, will facilitate work of project personnel, and will provide additional wildlife openings.

II. Management

The jobs in this category were previously submitted in separate reports.

III. Maintenance

Job 1. Supplemental Food Plots.

The approximate seventy acres of supplemental food plots within the 3,000 acre fenced area were bush-hogged to remove undesirable plant species. Necessary maintenance was performed on the fence.

Job 2. Salt Licks

The salt licks maintained for deer were resalted. Considerable use was noted.

Job 3. Roads

During the year woods roads on the area were kept in as good shape as possible. Fallen trees were removed and encroaching brush cut back. Ruts were filled and drained where possible.

Job 4. Signs and Boundaries.

The boundary was checked from time to time and renewed as indicated. Line trees were repainted, markers replaced, and brush removed. The new entrance signs were not purchased.

Job 5. Camping Area.

Hunters made some use of this facility during the managed hunts. It will be bush-hogged prior to the hunting season.

Job 6. Overnight cabin.

The overnight cabin was moved to the neighborhood of the deer weighing station in order to make more efficient use of it. A fence was erected around it and the cabin repainted.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN IV

CATAHOULA GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	1 - Squirrel & Rabbit Hunt

Objective: To afford hunting to sportsmen.

Procedure: Season permits were issued to all applicants desiring to squirrel and rabbit hunt on any of the Game Management Areas during the period when they were open for this type of hunting. Permits were issued at all District Offices. Period of the hunt was October 5 through October 27 and was for still hunting only.

Results: Extreme dry weather and a low squirrel population were responsible for lack of hunter interest. Hunter effort was much lower than in recent years. Spot checks of hunters on this area indicated an average bag of 1.9 squirrels. Few rabbits were taken.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN IV

CATAHOULA GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development & Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	2 - Deer Hunt

Objective: The purpose of this job was three fold; (1) to reduce the existing deer population on this unit; (2) to afford hunting to sportsmen; and (3) to secure desired data for the deer study.

Procedure: Following the pattern of recent years managed deer hunts were held during the first five days of the deer season on the majority of the Game Management Areas operated by the State. The 1963 season began on November 29. Differing somewhat from that of recent years, those areas having either sex seasons began with that type of hunting and continued until a predetermined number of animals were taken. Only legal bucks could be taken for the remainder of the five day period. The cut-off number for this area was placed at 250. Although this figure was not reached, the either sex hunt was terminated after the first day as all the other units in the vicinity reached their number and it was feared that public relations would be strained if an exceedingly large number of hunters appeared the second day. This area is in a parish where local officials have been unsympathetic to hunts of this nature and it was felt that it would be wise to revert to legal bucks hunting at the same time as the other areas.

Hunters were checked in and out of the area and each deer killed was examined by a technician. Data recorded included sex, weight, age, killed by shotgun or rifle, antler formation, and serial number of the big game tag. Heads from twenty animals were collected for the deer research study.

Results: Physical characteristics of deer taken during this hunt will be reported by the deer study. Following is a table showing the daily kill and the number of daily hunting efforts.

Date	Hunter Efforts	Bucks	Does
Nov. 29	1227	99	110
Nov. 30	844	10	-
Dec. 1	365	6	-
Dec. 2	165	0	-
Dec. 3	87	1	-
TOTAL	2688	116	110

Hunter success varied from 5.9 efforts per kill to 165 efforts and no kill. For the five day period overall success was one animal per 11.9 hunter efforts. Slightly over 50 per cent of the deer were taken by shot gun.

Twenty-nine per cent of the deer were juveniles with thirty-nine six-month old bucks and twenty-seven six month old does.

Hunter interest dropped approximately 50% daily and except for that, the hunt went smoother than that of any of the preceding years.

Prior to the gun hunt (October 26 through November 24) archers were permitted to take deer of either sex. Hunters were not required to check in as season permits were issued. Spot checks indicated only slight use of this area by archers and only one kill, a buck deer, if known.

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WORK PLAN V: Operation of Game Management Areas

TITLE: Chicago Mill Game Management Area

PERIOD COVERED: July 1, 1963 through June 30, 1964.

I. INTRODUCTION

The 102,000 acre Chicago Mill Game Management Area is located in portions of Madison, Tensas and Franklin Parishes. The Franklin Parish portion of this Game Management Area comprising 22,000 acres was obtained by lease in May of 1961. The Madison Parish portion comprised of the old Singer Game Reserve and Ayers Refuge was converted to a game management area in May, 1961. These acreages along with the present 30,000 acres of the Chicago Mill Game Management Area gives a total of approximately 102,000 acres being operated as a game management area. The area is tentatively divided into two equal areas and designated as Chicago Mill No. 1 and Chicago Mill No. 2. A game management area supervisor and a warden are permanently assigned to each of these two areas. Their duties in addition to patroling this large area, consist of maintenance of over 265 miles of boundary lines, up-keep of public access roads, assisting in all managed hunts on the area, and many other pertinent duties in the normal operation of this game management area.

II. DEVELOPMENT

Job I: Signs

Approximately 85 signs were constructed of plywood and appropriately marked and/or painted and placed on a permanent type post to be used during the managed

managed hunt. These signs designated, "Parking Areas", Hunters Access Road, "No Hunting Areas", and other information as required by the landowner. These signs were placed at strategic points prior to the season and removed at the end of each season, and aided in the managed hunts conducted on the area.

Job II: Expansion of overnight cabin

A pump house was constructed at the Tendal Area during the segment covered by this report. Also, a heater was purchased for the bathroom and twelve metal folding chairs were purchased for the Tendal overnight cabin.

Job III: Storage Shed

Additional improvements were made to the storage shed located at the Newlight Area. Such improvements consisted of building shelves and racks for the storing of signs and other equipment.

Job IV: Camp Area

Nothing concrete materilized toward the construction of a camping area. However, during the segment covered by this report two different landowners were contacted and agreements to sell were initiated with these landowners for the purchase of approximately four acres of land for the purpose of constructing camping facilities. It would be desirable to construct these camping sites within the near future to facilitate hunters using this area.

Job V: Food plots

One fenced food plot of approximately one acre in size planted to honeysuckle (Lonicera japonica). This plot was planted for experimental purposes and if proven successful additional areas may be planted to wild honeysuckle as a supplementary food plant for deer.

III. MAINTENANCE

Job I: Turkey Habitat Improvement

Existing food plots were mowed regularly. In addition, woods roads, trails and boundary lines were bushhoged at various intervals during the year.

Job II: Boundary & Jeep Road Maintenance

Approximately 200 miles of boundary lines were kept open by use of a tractor and bushhog during the past year. In addition, the remainder of the boundary lines, plus approximately 40 miles of river boundary, was painted and signs replaced where needed.

Job III: Checking Stations

Eleven checking and permit stations are necessary to handle the hunter traffic using the Chicago Mill G. M.A. These stations required annual maintenance, such as replacement of window glass, painting, etc., which was accomplished as needed during the period covered by this report.

IV. MANAGEMENT

Managed Hunts:

(a) Squirrels:

The Game Management Area was opened to squirrel hunting from October 5 through October 27, 1963. Hunter bag checks at the time revealed that 550 hunters killed 846 squirrels for a success of 1.5 squirrels on hunter effort. It is interesting to note that the 1963 hunter success was less than half of 1962. This may have been due, partially, to a poor acorn crop during the fall of 1962, resulting in inadequate food supply, thus resulting in poor

reproduction in the squirrels in the summer of 1963 in this area of the state. The above bag checks were made at various times during the season and at various locations on the area. The squirrel hunt was conducted by mailing applicants a season permit and hunters in the area were not required to check in at the area. Therefore, the above figures do not represent the total hunting effort or total kill. Approximately 3000 permits were mailed from the Ferriday office to applicants requesting to hunt squirrels on the Chicago Mill G. M. A.

(b) Deer (Bow)

A bow and arrow season was held on the area during the 1963 regular statewide season. Hunters were issued a season permit upon request by letter. Personnel conducting spot checks recorded seven deer being killed on the Chicago Mill G. M. A. Of the seven deer 5 were females and 2 males.

(c) Deer (Gun)

A five day gun hunt was held on the Chicago Mill Game Management Area from November 29 through December 3. The first day was for "any deer" and resulted in over 1100 deer being harvested on the area. The remaining four days were for "bucks only". This hunt was managed in such a manner that all hunters were checked in and out of the G. M. A. during the period of this hunt. The 1963 season was one of the most successful hunts ever held on the G. M. A. area. During the five day period there were a total of 11,888 hunting efforts made and a total of 1360 deer harvested from the area. The following table lists the results of the 1963 season.

HUNTING EFFORTS AND DEER KILL

CHICAGO MILL G. M. A. 1963

		KILL			% TOTAL KILL		
YEAR	NO.HUNTERS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	HUNTER SUCCESS
1963	11,888	702	658	1360	51.6	48.4	1:8.7

TURKEYS:

In 1964 a 16 day season for gobblers only was conducted on the Chicago Mill G. M. A. in conjunction with the season opened on the surrounding areas. District IV issued approximately 800 permits by mail. Hunter participation on the area was good, however, only an estimated 27 gobblers were bagged during the 16 day season.

Submitted by:

Dewey W. Wills
District IV Supervisor

WORK PLAN VI: OPERATION OF MANAGEMENT AREAS

TITLE: East Carroll Game Management Area

I DEVELOPMENT

All area projects were under the supervision of a district game technician. Work was accomplished by the area supervisor with assistance from District personnel when needed.

Job 1. Food Plantings and Turkey Release

Plans called for a wild turkey release of 9 to 12 birds if they were available in early 1964. Trapping success was very low and no release was made. Food plantings involved the seeding of vetch and some wheat over approximately 4 miles of pipeline and spoil bank right-of-ways. Deer usage has been good.

Job 2. Watering Ponds

No work was accomplished on this job.

Job 3. Access Roads

The main access roads into the G. M. A. were re-worked with the D-6 dozer and approximately 16 miles of old log roads were cleared by use of the dozer and bush-hog. These trails greatly assisted hunter use in 1963.

Job 4. Salt Licks

All existing salt licks were maintained and re-salted periodically throughout the year. Additional licks must be established in 1964 as only 7 or 8 licks now exist on the area.

Job 5. Additions to Overnight Cabin

Due to other District projects the tractor shed was not built during the project year. Materials were purchased and it is planned to construct the shed in early part of the 1964-65 fiscal year. Butane lights were installed in the cabin (Army surplus trailer) in addition to providing butane cooking facilities.

Job 6. Jeep Bridges

Only one log jeep bridge was constructed on the area and this type bridge will be of short life. Culverts were obtained from the East Carroll Police Jury and three low water culvert crossings were constructed across the main drainage canals. Additional crossings are needed and will be installed this year to facilitate hunter access and to assist Commission personnel in carrying out area projects.

Submitted by: /s/ Clifford T. Williams
Clifford T. Williams, Biologist
Supervisor, District II

WORK PLAN VI: OPERATION OF MANAGEMENT AREAS

TITLE: East Carroll Game Management Area

II MANAGEMENT

The area is opened yearly for controlled still hunts on deer, squirrel and rabbits. The 1963 season was the best since the area was established.

Job 1 Squirrel Hunt

The East Carroll Game Management Area was open in 1963 for a period of 23 days for the still hunting of squirrels and rabbits. Season length permits were issued from the District Offices prior the opening of the seasons. Spot bag checks were made by the Area Supervisor and District Personnel. Hunter success was below that of 1962 as well as hunting pressure. This was due mainly to extreme drought conditions which existed in 1963 and extended well into the hunting season.

Job 2 Archery Deer Hunt

A 29 day archery deer season was held on the East Carroll Game Management Area in 1963 prior to the regular gun hunt for deer. Season length permits were issued and spot checks were made by the Area Supervisor.

Hunter participation during this archery season was low and no deer were reported killed. Some archers were lucky enough to obtain shots, but to no avail.

Job 3 Gun Deer Hunt

A 5 day gun deer hunt was held on this area from November 29 through December 3, 1963, in which any sex deer were legal. Hunting pressure was heavier than in the past and woods conditions were much better; hunters had access to much of the area hunted. A total of 1682 hunter efforts were made and 144 deer were killed; 58 bucks and 85 does. Table I shows the deer killed by age groups for 1963.

TABLE I

*Deer Kill-East Carroll Game Management Area 1963

Sex	6 mos.	1 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2plus	Total
Buck	13	18	12	14	0	1	58
Does	21	30	15	10	5	4	85
Totals	34	48	27	24	5	5	143

*One deer was not aged.

III MAINTENANCE

An attempt was made to maintain all boundary lines in good condition. Logging operations have caused line damage which must be corrected in 1964-65.

Job 1 Boundary

Aerial photos were purchased for the area and should aid project planning in the future. All boundary lines were maintained in good condition and several miles of access trails were bush-hogged and cleared with a dozer.

(See Job 3, Development).

Submitted by: /s/ Clifford Williams
Clifford T. Williams, Biologist
Supervisor, District II

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN VII

EVANGELINE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of: Louisiana Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

Project No.: W-30-D-11 Name: Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations

I. Development

There were no jobs in this category.

II. Management

The managed hunts were previously covered in individual reports.

III. Maintenance

Job 1. Supplemental Food Plots.

Thirty-five acres of wheat were planted in the supplemental food plots in the fall. Seeding rate was one and one half bushels per acre and fertilized with 12-12-12 at the rate of 200 lbs. per acre. These plantings were used intensively by deer. The plots were bush-hogged during the summer to facilitate the fall planting.

During the spring, plantings of honeysuckle (L. japonica) on seven food plots were made. These plantings were made with small, rooted plants and were set out around the fences of four of the plots and in one-quarter to half acre row plantings in three plots. At the time of this report these plantings show promise of being established. However, deer are feeding on them considerably.

Job 2. Salt Licks.

The salt licks established for deer were resalted during the spring. They were used considerably by deer.

Job 3. Control Burning.

The U. S. Forest Service control burned an extensive section of the area. This project did not participate.

Job 4. Signs and Boundaries.

The boundary was checked periodically and repaired as needed. Boundary signs were replaced and brush was removed along the entire boundary. Line trees along ten miles of the western boundary were repainted as needed.

Job 5. Roads and Bridges.

Only a minimum of effort was devoted to this activity. The bridges mentioned in the work plan were not redecked.

Job 6. Fences.

The fences were maintained in good order during the year. The wire was stolen from one of the one acre Fish and Game Division quail food plots and was replaced by this project.

Job 7. Camp Site.

The camp site was used considerably during the managed hunts. It was bush-hogged prior to the hunts and policed after their completion.

Job 8. Overnight Cabin.

The grounds around the overnight cabin and the deer weighing station were maintained in good order during the year.

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WORK PLAN VII

EVANGELINE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	1 - Squirrel and rabbit hunt

Objective: To afford hunting to sportsmen.

Procedure: Identical to that of the Job Completion report for Work Plan IV, Job 1, Project W-30-D-11.

Results: Results were about the same as on the Catahoula Game Management Area (Work Plan IV, Job 1). The average kill per hunter as indicated by spot checks was 1.1 squirrels per effort. Fewer hunters made use of this area. Few, if any rabbits were taken.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN VII

EVANGELINE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	2 A - Bow and Arrow Deer Hunt

Objective: To afford hunting opportunity for archers.

Procedure: During the period October 26 through November 24 archers were permitted to hunt deer of either sex. Season permits were issued to all applicants and archers were not required to check in the area.

Spot checks were made.

Results: Hunter participation was low and only one kill, an adult doe, is known to have been made.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN VII

EVANGELINE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	2 - Deer Hunt

Objective: To afford hunting to sportsmen; reduce the deer hunt; to secure physical condition data and specimens for the Deer Study.

Procedure: A five day managed deer hunt was held during the period November 29 through December 3 following the procedure described in the Job Completion report, Work Plan IV, Job 2, Project W-30-D-11. The number of "any deer" to be taken from this area was 75 and was exceeded the first day.

Results: Following is a table showing the daily hunter participation and kill:

Date	Hunter Efforts	Bucks	Does	Total
Nov. 29	685	41	54	95
Nov. 30	376	3	-	3
Dec. 1	169	1	-	1
Dec. 2	65	0	-	0
Dec. 3	19	0	-	0
TOTAL	1314	45	54	99

Hunter success varied from one deer per 7.2 efforts to one per 169 efforts with no deer taken on two days of the hunt. Fifty-three per cent of the kill was by shot gun.

Thirty-six per cent of the kill were juveniles, seventeen of

each sex. This was slightly less than one juvenile per adult doe.

Hunter efforts declined about fifty per cent on each successive day of the hunt. Less difficulty was experienced in managing the hunt than ever before. This is attributed to having the either sex hunt prior to the hunt for legal bucks.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN VII

EVANGELINE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	3 - Quail Hunt

Objective: To afford hunting to sportsmen.

Procedure: Hunters were issued season permits (available at all District Offices) to be used on most of the G.M.A.'s for small game on prescribed dates. Supervision was limited to spot checks. Period of the quail hunts were December 7 through December 11, 1963, and February 16 through February 23, 1964. The hunt was scheduled to run through February 25, but as the statewide open season terminated on the 23rd the last two days of the scheduled hunt were cancelled.

Results: Little hunter effort was noted during the hunts and no bag checks were made. Scarcity of hunters may be attributed to the low quail populations in most of Louisiana this year. Extensive controlled burns on this area was another contributing factor to lack of hunter interest.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN VIII

FORT POLK GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of: Louisiana Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

Project No.: W-30-D-11 Name: Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations

I. Development

Job 1. Food Plots

Six supplemental quail food plots, one acre in size were fenced and planted. One third of each was established to common lespedeza and one planting of brown top millet, also one-third acre in size, was made in each. Another planting of millet will be made in July. Planting rate was about seven pounds of each per acre and fertilized with two hundred pounds of 6-24-24 per acre. The plantings have done well and should produce a good supply of supplemental quail food.

In addition to the above, approximately forty acres of open land was disked to stimulate goat weed for fall dove shooting. Considerable seed was produced last year although it matured too late for early dove shooting.

II. Management

Data on the managed hunts were previously reported.

III. Maintenance

Job 1. Boundary

The boundary was checked and maintained as needed. Boundary markers were replaced and line trees repainted. The entrance signs were repainted and lettered.

Job 2. Salt Licks

Previously established deer salt licks were resalted in the spring. They were utilized considerably.

Job 3. House Trailer Repairs and Supplies

Much of the needed repairs on the house trailer was taken care of during the year. Bed clothing and related material was purchased.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN VIII

FORT POLK GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	1 Dove Hunt

Objective: To afford Dove Hunting to sportsmen.

Procedure: During the open season on doves in Louisiana, September 2 - 16, October 12 - November 3, and December 7 - January 7, hunters were permitted to hunt on this area. Spot checks only were made with the season small game G.M.A. permit being the only requirement for hunting. The U. S. Army required a daily clearance issued by the Provost Marshals office in addition to the Commission permit.

Results: Only limited use was made of this opportunity for dove hunting. A few hunters had excellent shooting with several limits being taken. It is felt that the Army's requirement of daily clearances contributes to the relatively low hunter participation in managed hunts on this area.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN VIII

FORT POLK GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	1 - Quail Hunt

Objective: To afford hunting to sportsmen.

Procedure: Quail hunters were allowed to pursue their sport on this area during the statewide open season except the first three days while the deer season was in progress. Permits and daily clearances were obtained in the manner described in deer and squirrel reports of Work Plan VIII, Project W-30-D-11.

Results: The low quail populations found in this section of the State were reflected in the lack of hunter interest in this area. Few hunters were noted in December; in January, eighteen hunters were checked with an average of three birds; in February, twenty-five bag checks averaged 1.1 birds per effort.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN VIII

FORT POLK GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development & Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	1 - Squirrel and Rabbit Hunt

Objective: To afford hunting opportunity to hunters.

Procedure: Commission season permits were incorporated in the daily clearances required by the Military Authorities and were issued to individuals wishing to hunt on this area during the statewide open squirrel season which ran October 5 through January 10. Dogs could be used except during the deer season on the area.

Results: As mentioned in other reports the squirrel season was not very good this year. Extreme dry weather hampered still hunting considerably. Consequently little squirrel hunting activity was noted on this area. As the Military Authorities issued daily clearances that were good for fishing, squirrel, rabbit, deer, and quail, it is impossible to determine the number of hunting efforts that were made for a given game species.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN VIII

FORT POLK GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of: Louisiana Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

Project No.: W-30-D-11 Name: Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations

Section: II Management Job: 1 - Deer Hunt

Objective: To reduce existing deer herd; afford hunting to sportsmen; and to obtain desired physical condition data from deer killed for the Deer Study.

Procedure: This area was open for deer hunting (legal bucks) during the period November 9 through November 24 concurrent with the open seaso in that part of Vernon Parish. Season permits were required and the Army Authorities required daily clearances. No formal check station were maintained during this hunt. November 29 through December 1, a managed "any deer" hunt was held with each hunter being required to check in and out. This hunt would revert to "bucks only" after 150 animals were taken.

Results: A calculated 4,045 hunting efforts were made during the early November season with an estimated 125 legal bucks taken. The follow ing table gives the statistics for the later hunt with the three day remaining open for any deer.

Date	No. Hunters	Bucks	Does	Total Dee
Nov. 29	122	2	2	4
Nov. 30	153	3	5	8
Dec. 1	427	13	20	33
TOTAL	702	18	27	45

The best hunter success occurred the final day of the hunt when 12.9 efforts were required for a kill. Average success for the three days hunt was one deer per 15.6 efforts.

Archers were permitted to take deer of either sex during the period October 26 through November 24. Season permits were used for this hunt and little use was noted. One known kill was made.

WORK PLAN IX

JOB COMPLETION REPORT 1963-64

JACKSON-BIENVILLE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of Louisiana Name Statewide Wildlife

Project No. W-30-D-11 Development and Operations

DEVELOPMENT

As pointed out in the PS&E this area has reached carrying capacity therefore, all work was directed toward maintenance and management of the game species.

MANAGEMENT

Job 1: Managed Hunts

The game management area was open to a squirrel, rabbit, quail and deer hunt with bow and arrow. These hunts were open to the public on a season permit basis. A season permit was issued by mail upon request by the hunter. Spot checks were made of hunters on the area by district personnel. Due to a very poor acorn crop the previous year, the squirrel population was low on the area this year. Hunter effort was good the first two days and fell off sharply thereafter due to a poor hunter success and very dry woods. During the second split of the squirrel season, hunter success and participation was again low.

Reports indicated that three (3) deer were killed by archers during the bow and arrow season.

Two check stations were operated during the managed gun hunt for deer on the game management area. This area experienced its first five day either sex deer hun with guns. Our records show that 4,883 hunters killed 325 deer for a hunter succes ratio of one deer bagged per every 15.0 hunter efforts.

There was very little hunter participation with moderate success during the quail season held on the area.

Job 2: Predator Control

This work was carried out as needed and time permitted. Control of feral dogs was exercised all during the year. The G. M. A. Supervisor trapped and killed a number of bobcats from the area during the year.

MAINTENANCE

Job 1: Plantings

Planting of agricultural crops (wheat, soybeans, etc.) on pipeline right-of-way and in game food clearings, dispersed over the area, was conducted so as to provide, (1) better harvest of game by public, (2) provide winter food for wildlife, (3) concentrate deer to facilitate research trapping and tagging program.

Job 2: Salt Licks

As prescribed 1,200 pounds of salt was used to replenish existing salt licks for deer and establish new ones.

Job 3: Roads and Bridges

Public access roads were graded, drained and culverts installed where needed and when the state owned motor patrol was available. The middle Madden Creek bridge and two smaller bridges were re-decked to facilitate hunter access. Some thirty miles of trails and firebreaks were disced to provide better hunter access and aid in wild fire control.

Job 4: Boundary

Boundaries were maintained where needed with fresh paint and boundary marker signs. Entrance signs were replaced where needed at the main entrance points on the game management area.

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JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN X

RED DIRT GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of: Louisiana Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

Project No.: W-30-D-11 Name: Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations

I. Development

There were no jobs in this category.

II. Management

Jobs 1, 2, and 3, the managed hunts, were previously reported.

Job 4. The few turkeys remaining on Red Dirt are in the habit of moving the area in the fall and remaining in a large stream bottom until spring. Not enough birds were located in either place to make a trapping operation practical. It appears that a few birds are ab to maintain themselves on this area but are unable to build up a tion of any significance.

Job 5. Hog removal

Feral hogs have been a problem on this area since the establishme of the supplemental food plots. As well as being destructive to ing they compete severely with game for the limited hardwood mast duced. Efforts to trap them proved unsuccessful in the past and only practical solution is to hunt them with dogs. The Area Mana when not otherwise occupied, devotes considerable time to this activity. Complete records of hog removal were not kept during t year but quite a number of hogs were removed in this manner.

Job 6. Deer Trapping

This job was not included in the work plan. Eighteen traps were operated during the latter half of February, March, and April. Thirty deer, including retraps were caught, examined, tagged, tattooed, and released at the trap site. Sixteen new deer were taken and seven deer tagged in previous years were retrapped. One deer originally tagged in 1957 was trapped. Soy bean and salt were used as bait.

II. Maintenance

Job 1. Plantings

A. Supplemental food plots, ranging in size from one-half acre to two acres and totalling twenty-five acres were planted with wheat in the fall. Planting rate was two bushels per acre and 12-12-12 was applied at the rate of 200 pounds per acre. These plantings were used intensively by deer during the fall and spring and sparingly by a few turkeys during spring and summer.

B. Spring planting was limited to brown top millet and total planting was about thirty-five acres in various size plots. These plantings were to benefit turkeys but are utilized by quail and doves as well. Planting rate was seven pounds per acre with a two hundred pound application of 6-24-24. Plantings were made at intervals to have ripe millet available throughout the summer. No bahia grass was planted.

C. Experimental Plantings

Though not covered in the work plan, Japanese honeysuckle (L.Japonica)

was planted in four supplemental food plots and one quarter acre of Amur River Privet (L. Amurense) was planted in one plot. The honeysuckle plants were small and rooted when set out and although having been heavily browsed by deer appear to be established. One small planting was made of unrooted stems. These also appear to be doing well.

For the privet planting, stems were secured and all except the terminal leaves were stripped off. The stem was stuck into the previously prepared soil eight to ten inches. Currently this planting does not look very good due to the unseasonal dry weather experienced this year.

Job 2. Fence Maintenance

The eight miles of the boundary fence maintained by this project was kept in good order during the year. This included removal of trees, water gate repair, right-of-way maintenance, and general fence repair.

In addition, various fences erected by this project were maintained.

Job 3. Roads

The boundary fence and jeep roads within the area were maintained in good order with Ford tractor equipment and hand tools.

Job 4. Bridges and Water Gates

Numerous small bridges on the jeep roads were repaired and rebuilt during the year. A few water gates along eight miles of the boundary were checked from time to time and cleaned and repaired as needed.

Job 5. Maintenance of Farm Equipment

With the use of the electric welder and other tools, the various items of farm equipment used in this District were kept in repair. In addition to numerous minor jobs two steel cattle guards were constructed and a number of one meter size wire cages were built for the Deer Study to place over wheat for a deer use comparison study.

Job 6. Camp Site

The camping site maintained just outside the Game Management Area for the convenience of hunters during the managed hunts was full during the deer hunts but saw little use on the other hunts. This area was policed and bushhogged during the year.

Job 7. Salt Licks

For years deer salt licks have been maintained at trap sites. As only eighteen traps were in use this year all the unused sites were covered with brush to deny their use by deer. Following the completion of the trapping operation the unused sites were uncovered and resalted.

Job 8. Boundary Maintenance

Boundary Maintenance was carried out as scheduled.

Job 9. Supplemental Quail Food Strips

A number of previously established quail food strips were bushhogged to remove vegetation competing with the common lespedeza. In addition, common lespedeza was planted in small areas of some of the large food plots. Plantings were one-eighth of an acre in most cases.

Job 10. Maintenance of Area Headquarters

The grounds around the area buildings were mowed and kept in good order during the year. No work other than general, routine maintenance was performed on any of the buildings.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN X

RED DIRT GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	1 - Managed Deer Hunt

Objective: To reduce the deer herd, to afford hunting opportunity, and to secure physical condition data and specimens for the deer study.

Procedure: As described in the Job Completion reports for Work Plans IV and VII of W-30-D-11 with the cut-off number for "any deer" at 150 animals which was exceeded on opening day.

Results: The table below gives the statistics on this hunt:

Date	Hunter efforts	Bucks	Does	Total
Nov. 29	1250	113	121	234
Nov. 30	945	11	-	11
Dec. 1	265	3	-	3
Dec. 2	117	1	-	1
Dec. 3	73	1	-	1
TOTAL	2650	129	121	250

23.7 per cent of the kill were juveniles, thirty-one bucks and twenty-eight does. For the five day period, 10.6 hunter efforts were required to bag one deer. The best hunter success occurred the first day with one kill per 5.3 hunters. The foregoing table shows the rapid decline in hunter interest as the hunt progressed.

During the period October 26 through November 24, an archery hunt for deer of either sex was held. Hunters were not required to check in as season permits were issued to all applicants. Spot checks revealed only slight hunter participation on this area and the only kill was one buck.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN X

RED DIRT GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	2 - Quail Hunt

Objective: To afford hunting to sportsmen.

Procedure: As described in the Completion Report for Work Plan VII, Job 2, Project W-30-D-11.

Results: Due to the statewide decline in quail populations this year, a corresponding decrease in hunter efforts on this Game Management Area was noted. Bag checks of some of the hunters were made during the last period. Seventy-one hunters were checked and averaged 1.25 quail per effort.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN X

RED DIRT GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	3 - Squirrel and Rabbit Hunt

Objective: To afford hunting to sportsmen.

Procedure: As described in the Completion Report for Job 1, Work Plan IV, W-30-D-11.

Results: Response to this hunt was of little consequence. The lack of hunter interest may be attributed to two factors, drouth and the lack of squirrel woods on this area. Spot checks during the first two days indicated the average hunter bagged 1.2 squirrels which is about par for this area. However, this average was distorted by the presence of a number of hunters hunting on a relatively good area adjacent to the G.M.A. The hunting success of these hunters was inadvertently included in the bag checks for Red Dirt and was not realized until it was impossible to accurately remove them from the check sheets.

WORK PLAN XI: OPERATION OF MANAGEMENT AREAS

TITLE: Russell Sage Game Management Area

I. DEVELOPMENT

The main development projects outlined for this area have been directed toward providing additional hunting and fishing opportunities for the general public. Some jobs were deleted due to other and more important construction projects.

Job 1. Bar-pit areas

Five bar-pits, just north of Highway 80, were renovated for public usage with regards to fishing and other recreational activities as picnic, etc. The acreage involved is approximately 18 surface acres of water and public usage was greatly increased by the cleari of brush and fallen trees around each pit. The cleared strips were seeded to Bermuda grass and mowed at regular intervals. Only sport fishing is allowed and it is hoped that rough fish can be controlle by a joint project with the Fisheries Section.

Job 2. Small water impoundments and fire-breaks

No work was accomplished on this job. This job should be eliminate in favor of larger green tree waterfowl impoundments and water storage areas as planned for 1964-65.

Job 3. Habitat Improvement, Deer and Turkey Habitat Improvement has benefi both deer and turkey jointly--approximately 8 acres were cleared in three small tracts and approximately 22 miles of woods roads, pipe-line, and spoil banks were bush hogged at regular intervals. Some strip planting of peas, soybeans, wheat and milo were attempted.

Japanese honeysuckle was planted in two locations and survival is thought to be around 50 per cent. Controlled burning was carried out along the old highway right-of-way and along approximately one mile of spoil bank west of the Lafourche Canal. Results were not too favorable but the project should be continued for 1964. More extensive clearings and plantings are planned. Sixteen wild turkeys were released on the area in 1963 and 1964. Reports indicated reproduction in 1963 and one flock of young was located near the headquarters in 1964.

Job 4. Green-tree waterfowl impoundment

Approximately 2000 acres were flooded for waterfowl use by constructing temporary dirt fills on the southern part of Russell Sage. Drought conditions existed and a shortage of water occurred until the later days of the duck season. Duck usage was low and access to the area was practically nil. Permanent control structures will be installed during the next project year. Several impoundments will be constructed in the future.

Job 5. Area type-mapping

The area should be type-mapped to facilitate planned T.S.I. programs. Very little work was accomplished except the construction of a base map and a partial drainage outline.

Job 6. Salt Licks

At least 40 salt licks will be established throughout this tract.

As of this date 30 have been completed and deer usage has been high. These licks are well worth the effort and money spent for their establishment.

Job 7. Entrance Markers

Twelve 3' x 4' entrance markers were purchased for erection at the main entrance roads and canals leading into the area. At present 8 have been completed and the other 4 will be erected in the near future.

WORK PLAN XI: OPERATION OF MANAGEMENT AREAS

TITLE: Russell Sage Game Management Area

II. MANAGEMENT JOB 1

Managed Hunts

The Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area has been open to the general public each year on a still hunt basis. The hunting seasons have been the same as for the adjoining parishes but a season length permit is required. These permits are issued prior to the opening date of the hunting season and are available upon request.

In 1963, squirrel hunter success was very low due to severe drought conditions and low hunter participation. Squirrel bag checks were few, but most hunters killed none to 1 or 2 squirrels while a few were lucky enough to bag 4 to 6. Squirrel kills increased as rainfall increased and the later days were more productive.

An increase in archery hunters were noted this year and 3 deer were known to be killed with the bow and arrow. More hunter efforts are predicted for the 1964-65 season.

During the 15 day hunt for bucks only an estimated 60 deer were killed. More hunter participation occurred and weather conditions provided better access to this bottomland area.

Submitted by: /s/ Clifford T. Williams
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Supervisor District II

III. MAINTENANCE

The boundary lines, headquarters building and storage barn will be maintained in good condition.

Job 1. Boundary lines

All boundary lines west of the Lafourche canal were re-worked; boundary markers were replaced where needed and line trees were repainted in spots. Several small tracts east of the Lafourche canal have not been completed, but have been spot painted. All land lines will be re-worked in 1964-65. Two small tracts, belonging to Russell Sage and located several miles from the main area, will be marked off.

Job 2. Headquarters Maintenance

The headquarters building and storage barn was maintained in good condition. A water line was constructed to the storage barn and some shop tools were purchased. Shrubs, a few flowers, and 6 pecan trees were planted at the headquarters site.

The headquarters facilities were used by students from Louisiana State University Department of Forestry and Wildlife Commission personnel, and as a meeting location for the different sections within the Fish and Game Division.

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Supervisor, District II

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN XII

SABINE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of: Louisiana Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

Project No.: W-30-D-11 Name: Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations

I. Development

There was no development scheduled this year.

II. Management

The squirrel and deer hunt reports have been previously submitted.

III. Maintenance

Job 1. Salt Licks

The previously established deer salt licks were resalted in the sprin

They were used considerably by deer.

Job 2. Roads

Primary road maintenance on this area is the responsibility of the various landowners. A few woods roads are crudely maintained by the Area Manager. Maintenance consisted of debris removal, drainage, and filling ruts and holes with hand tools.

Job 3. Bridges

A few creek crossings and fords were maintained with the use of hand tools and material from the surrounding forest.

Job 4. Signs and Boundaries

The boundary was checked and brush removed where necessary. Fallen or defaced boundary markers were replaced and line trees repainted with yellow paint. Five entrance signs were replaced.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN XII

SABINE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	1 - Squirrel and Rabbit Hunt

Objective: To afford hunting to sportsmen.

Procedure: As described in the Completion Report for Work Plan IV, Job 1, Project W-30-D-11.

Results: A severe drouth over much of Louisiana during the normal still hunting season for squirrels was responsible for a below normal interest in this sport. A contributing factor was a poor squirrel population. This game management area was checked more intensively than in previous years with 170 bag checks made. These hunters had taken 281 squirrels for an average of 1.6 per hunting effort.

JOB COMPLETION REPORT

WORK PLAN XII

SABINE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development and Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	2 - Deer Hunt

Objective: To reduce the deer herd, to afford hunting opportunity, and to secure physical condition data and specimens for the Deer Study.

Procedure: As described in the Completion Report for Job 2, Work Plan IV, Project W-30-D-11. The cut-off figure selected to revert to "Legal Bucks Only" was set at fifty animals. This figure was not reached during the five day hunt.

Results: Physical characteristics of deer taken during this hunt will be reported by the deer study. Following is a table showing the daily kill and the number of daily hunting efforts.

Date	Hunter Efforts	Bucks	Does	Total
November 29	51	3	-	3
November 30	60	4	2	6
December 1	66	2	7	9
December 2	35	2	-	2
December 3	39	1	-	1
Total	251	12	9	21

Although hunter turnout and kill were low, the overall average of 11.9 hunter efforts per kill bettered the average on some of the

other G.M.A.'s where more deer were taken and equalled that of Catahoula where 226 deer were taken. From comments of local people it is quite likely more hunters will participate next year. Seventy per cent of the kill was by shotgun.

Five of the deer were juveniles, two buck and two does.

In addition and prior to the gun hunt, archers were permitted to take any deer during the period October 26 through November 24. Hunters were required to have a season permit and were not necessarily checked on the area as only spot checks were made. Very little activity was noted by the Area Supervisor and as far as is known, no deer were taken by this method.

WORK PLAN XIII

JOB COMPLETION REPORT 1963-64

SODA LAKE WILDFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA

State of Louisiana Name Statewide Wildlife

Project No. W-30-D-11 Development and Operations

DEVELOPMENT

Job 1: Levees

No new levees were built, present levees are in good shape and ready for flooding for ducks.

Job 2: Herbaceous Plantings

Several acres were disced and planted to brown top millet. Twenty acres were planted to brown top millet by broadcasting seed into water and then slowly drawing water off. Some burning of heavy brush areas were conducted to eliminate brush and attract doves.

MANAGEMENT

Job 1: Water Level Control

The low-lift pump bought by the Caddo Police Jury was moved into place in Twelve Mile Bayou and water was pumped on the Soda Lake Area. Because of the extremely dry conditions during this time of year 30 days of pumping was required before reaching the desired water level. Because of this the lower impoundment was left partially flooded during the entire year to facilitate the pumping operation during the fall of 1964. The upper impoundment was drained in June of 1964 and planting was immediately begun.

Job 2: Dove and Duck Hunt

The area was open for dove hunting along with the regular statewide dove season. Spot checks revealed that very little dove hunting was done on the area.

A duck season was held on the area with half-day hunting, mornings only on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hunter participation was good for this game species with a high degree of success for this area of the state. A good number of ducks were seen using the area well after the close of the season.

MAINTENANCE

Job 1: Boundary Maintenance

Two entrance signs were erected on access roads and boundary markers were posted along Twelve Mile Bayou.

Job 2: Levee Maintenance

No work done, levees remained in good shape.

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District One

WORK PLAN XIV: OPERATION OF MANAGEMENT AREAS

TITLE: Thistlethwaite Game Management Area

PERIOD: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

I. DEVELOPMENT:

No development practices were conducted on the area during the fiscal year 1963-64.

II. MANAGEMENT:

Job 1 Squirrel Hunt

The Thistlethwaite Game Management Area was opened to two separate squirrel hunts in 1963. The first hunt was conducted from October 5-20 and the second from November 9-17. During October, 2142 squirrels were killed as the result of 1338 hunting efforts; in November, 236 hunts produced 266 squirrels. Hunting was confined to mornings only during both hunting periods and each hunter was required to secure a permit each time a hunt was made on the area.

Squirrel Hunter Success
Thistlethwaite Game Management Area
October 5-20 and November 9-17

Date	No. Hunts Made	Fox	Gray	Total Killed	Average Kill Per Hunting Effort
October 5-20	1338	330	1812	2142	1.60
November 9-17	236	42	224	266	1.13
Total	1574	372	2036	2408	1.53

Squirrel hunting on the area was the poorest experienced since the area was opened in 1958. Total kill on the area was 62% lower than the previous years hunt in 1962. Individual hunter success was 43 percent lower than in 1962. As a result of poor hunting, individual hunting efforts declined 32 percent when compared with 1962 records.

This reduced hunting was, no doubt, due to lack of breeding brought about by unfavorable mast conditions during the fall and winter of 1962-63. Several pregnant females were examined during the fall of 1963. Apparently poor mast conditions in 1962 and the extended drouth during the summer of 1963 caused some females to skip breeding entirely until the mast in the fall of 1963 appeared. Mast conditions in 1963 were greatly improved over conditions in 1962 and it is predicted that hunting in 1964 will be better.

Hunters were also allowed to kill rabbits on the area in 1963. A total of 30 rabbits were bagged by hunters.

Job 2 Hog Removal

A three day hog control hunt was allowed on the area during February of 1964. A total of 454 hunting efforts removed 25 hogs from the area.

WORK PLAN XV: OPERATION OF MANAGEMENT AREAS

TITLE: Union Parish Game Management Area

I DEVELOPMENT

As this game management area is one of the oldest in the state, the trend is toward management and maintenance projects rather than development.

Job 1. Access Trails

To encourage and assist hunters during the controlled hunts approximately 20 miles of woods roads and trails have been developed over the last several years. Each year additional strips are added and it is planned to stop development when 25 miles of access trails are available. All trails are mowed at least one time per year. Side benefits for wild turkey should be obtained from this job, but so far the population is static at 2 to 3 small flocks.

Job 2. Salt Licks

The salt licks established on the area have cost very little and good usage has been obtained by deer. Additional licks were planned in 1963-64 but only the 20 old licks were maintained. Five new licks should be added to the existing total.

II. MANAGEMENT

Management has dealt chiefly with controlled hunts for squirrel, rabbits and deer on a still hunt basis and with turkey trapping. Deer hunts have been two-fold: an early bow and arrow season and the regular 5 day gun season. Any sex deer have been legal game during these two hunts.

Job 1. Squirrel and Rabbit Hunt
Completion report previously submitted.

Job 2. Bow and Arrow Deer Hunt
Completion report previously submitted.

Job 3. Regular Gun Deer hunt
Completion report previously submitted.

Job 4. Turkey Trapping
This job was terminated as of January 1, 1964. The turkey population has not responded to management and 2 to 3 small flocks still exist on the area. Some reproduction occurs yearly. Only 3 birds were trapped in 1962-63 and none in 1963-64.

III. MAINTENANCE

All previous developments on the area were maintained during the project year.

Job 1. Boundary

All existing lines were brushed out by hand, re-painted, and boundary markers replaced except for two miles along Cane Creek which are still in fair condition. Two entrance markers were replaced.

Job 2. Access Roads

The main roads on the area were maintained in fair shape. The parish police jury provided a motor patrol for road grading, but logging operations and inclement weather made the so called all weather roads fairly inaccessible during the controlled hunts. No work was accomplished with Commission owned heavy equipment.

Job 3. Food Plots

Existing food plots were re-seeded to crimson clover and planted in wheat in the fall and good usage was obtained from deer. Turkey usage was light to nil. Fences and turkey entrances were maintained in good condition. Cattle have been removed from the area and fence removal may be good management for 1964-65.

Job 4. Overnight Cabin

The overnight cabin was maintained in good condition. The floors were re-painted and two butane lights were installed to improve facilities for personnel occupying the cabin during the controlled hunts. The exterior of the cabin should be re-painted in 1964 and some kitchen utensils should be replaced.

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WORK PLAN XV: OPERATION OF MANAGEMENT AREAS

TITLE: Union Parish Game Management Area

II. MANAGEMENT JOB 1

Squirrel and Rabbit

During 1963, a 23 day squirrel and rabbit season, for still hunting only, was held on this game management area. Hunting pressure and squirrel kills were very low. This is not a true indication of the existing population because drought conditions were severe and hunter participation was practically nil, except for the first days of the season. Squirrel activity increased after the close of the season.

The hunters using the area were able to bag a few squirrels but the average was way below the state level of 1.5 squirrels per hunting effort. Spot checks of 65 hunters showed a total bag of only 60 squirrels. This is an average of .92 squirrels per hunter effort.

Submitted by: /s/ Clifford T. Williams, Biologist
Supervisor District II

WORK PLAN XV: OPERATION OF MANAGEMENT AREAS

TITLE: Union Parish Game Management Area

II. MANAGEMENT JOB 2

Archery Deer Hunt

Participation by archery hunters was estimated to be slightly higher than for 1962 but no deer were known or reported to have been killed. Hunting efforts were in excess of 100 hunts. Many archers reported having obtained shots, but only a very few drew any blood whatsoever.

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Supervisor District II

WORK PLAN XV: OPERATION OF MANAGEMENT AREAS

TITLE: Union Parish Game Management Area

II. MANAGEMENT JOB 3

Gun Deer Hunt

The 1963 gun deer hunt involved a 5 day any deer season or until 50 any deer were killed. The entire 5 days were held for either sex deer and 49 animals were removed: 27 bucks and 22 does. Hunter efforts increased over 1962 and totaled 511 for this 5 day period.

Table I shows the deer kill by age classes and sex for the Union G.M.A. hunt. The bucks averaged 41 per cent of the total kill and does averaged 59 per cent.

Table I

Deer Kill By Age Classes-Union G. M. A.

Sex	6 mos.	1 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2 plus	Total
Buck	10	8	2	6	1		27
Does	6	4	5	3	3	1	22
Totals	16	12	7	9	4	1	49

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Supervisor District II

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WORK PLAN XVI

WEST BAY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development & Operations
Section:	I Development	Job:	Bridges and Culverts

During the year the decking was replaced on one bridge, approximately twenty feet in length, on one of our main hunter access roads. This bridge had been built on the area, by the landowner, several years ago. Constant use, both by hunters and timber operations had damaged the decking to the point that the bridge could not be used. The bridge was decked with two inch rough oak which is adequate for this bridge and has a life expentancy of from eight to ten years.

During the year 75 feet of 15 inch and 18 feet of 24 inch concrete culvert were purchased to be used on roads where water was cutting across the road causin a ditch to be formed. These culverts are now on the site at which they are to be installed and are in the process of being set. However, completion of this work has not been made, but is expected within the next thirty days.

Fish and Game dump trucks and dragline were used to distribute 1,250 cubic yards of pit run gravel on the hunter access roads. This gravel was secured from one of the major landowners free of charge. The gravel was put on portions of several roads which, during times of wet weather, were not usable by the hunters.

By doing the above mentioned work, it will now be possible for hunters to have access to most any portion of the area during the hunting seasons.

Submitted by: /s/ J. A. Sims
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District V

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WORK PLAN XVI

WEST BAY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development & Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	I Managed Deer Hunt

The annual managed deer hunt was held on the West Bay Game Management Area during the five day period from November 29 - December 3, 1963. An either sex hunt was allowed this year and resulted in a harvest which we feel brought the deer population to a point which can be supported properly on the area.

The regulations were set up to allow either sex hunting from the opening day until 400 deer had been removed. The remaining portion of the five day season would be opened to buck hunting only. The number of deer checked out the first day totalled 855, leaving the remaining four days for legal buck hunting only.

Four permit stations were operated on the area. The stations opened at 5:00 A.M. and the hunters were required to be out of the area by 5:00 P.M. A total of 8,072 permits were issued during the hunt. Two weighing stations were located on the area and all deer killed had to be checked through one of these stations before the hunter left the area.

A total of 900 legal deer were checked from the area this year. Of this total 454 (50.4%) were bucks and 446 (49.6%) were does. During the either sex day 409 (48%) were bucks and 446 (52%) were does. Due to the large volume of deer handled the first day it was impossible to age all of them. Weight and sex were recorded for all deer checked out of the area.

From the total killed the first day a sample of 568 was taken and the computed live weight and age ratio was determined for the harvest. This information is contained in Table I.

Table II contains the daily permits issued and the kill for each day.

TABLE I
AGE AND COMPUTED LIVE WEIGHT

No.	Sex	Age	Computed Live Wt.	% of Kill by Age
97	M	6 mo.	53.5	
79	F	6 mo.	46.8	30.9
83	M	1½ yr.	81.3	
87	F	1½	77.1	29.9
37	M	2½	94.8	
39	F	2½	81.1	13.4
37	M	3½	111.8	
51	F	3½	84.9	15.5
11	M	4½	108.3	
26	F	4½	84.3	6.6
5	M	5½ +	94.0	
16	F	5½ +	87.8	3.7

TABLE II
DAILY PERMITS ISSUED AND KILL

Date	Permits Issued	Deer Killed
11/29/63	4,041	855
11/30/63	2,048	22
12/1/63	1,048	19
12/2/63	530	2
12/3/63	405	2
TOTALS	8,072	900

Submitted by: /s/ J. A. Sims
Jack A. Sims, Supervisor
District V

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WEST BAY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development & Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	Archery Season

The West Bay Game Management Area was opened for a special archery season from October 26 - November 24, 1963. All game which was in season, including deer, rabbit, and squirrels, was legal. Either sex deer, with the exception of spotted fawns were legal during the entire season.

Archers were issued season permits from all of the District offices prior to the hunt and were not required to check in and out daily. These permits were good during legal shooting hours only. This season permit was good for all Game Management Areas which had a special archery season. During the hunt the Management Area Supervisor and District personnel made routine spot checks on the area to check for violations and determine the kill as nearly as possible.

Due to the fact that either sex deer was legal and the area having a good deer population, hunting pressure was heavy. The Management Area Supervisor was able to confirm the taking of 22 deer during the season.

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Supervisor

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WEST BAY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development & Operations
Section:	II Management	Job:	3 Squirrel Hunt

A managed squirrel hunt was held on the West Bay Game Management Area during the period of October 5-27, 1963. This year, for the first time, squirrel hunters were issued season permits. For this reason the total number of hunting efforts and total kill is not known.

The Management Area Supervisor and District personnel conducted spot checks on the area during the entire season. From this type of information, it appeared that the number of squirrels taken per hunter was below the figure for last year. This was expected due to a poor mast crop on the area last year.

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Supervisor

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WEST BAY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development & Operations
Section:	III Maintenance	Job:	1 Salt Licks

During the month of March 1964 the 36 existing salt licks on the West Bay Game Management Area were re-salted. A total of 1,800 pounds of coarse stock salt was worked into the soil with a shovel.

As the salt was being "planted" observations were made concerning the previous year's utilization. Some licks had been utilized to the point that they were several inches below the level of the surrounding ground.

Most of the utilization noted was by deer, but some licks had sign of cattle use. The entire area is open to free ranging cattle.

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Supervisor

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WEST BAY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development & Operations
Section:	III Maintenance	Job:	2 Food Plots

During the spring the five turkey food plots were clipped of weeds. The plots have alternate strips of Bahia Grass and native grasses and weeds on them. The Bahia Grass strips, which were planted for food, were clipped to keep down competition of native weeds and grasses. The alternate strips, which are used for nesting and escape cover, were not mowed.

These five plots are fenced to keep out free ranging hogs and cattle. The fences and gates were kept in good repair during the year.

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Supervisor

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WEST BAY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of: Louisiana

Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

Project No.: W-30-D-11

Name: Statewide Wildlife Development & Operations

Section: III Maintenance

Job: 3 Overnight Cabin

The only work done under this job, other than routine mowing and general cleaning, was the re-roofing of the cabin. Damage to the roofing caused by a winter storm made it necessary to replace the roofing. Mineral surface rolled roofing felt was used. Labor for this job was done by the Area Supervisor.

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Jack A. Sims, Supervisor
District V

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WEST BAY GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

State of:	Louisiana	Period:	July 1,1963 - June 30, 1964
Project No.:	W-30-D-11	Name:	Statewide Wildlife Development & Operations
Section:	III Maintenance	Job:	4 Boundary Line Maintenance

During the year several miles of the boundary line had to be repainted. Logging and other forest activities made this necessary. Any of the boundary markers which could not be easily read, due to rust or other damage, were replaced. This work was done by Area personnel with signs and paint which were on hand.

Ten new 36 x 48 inch entrance markers have been ordered. When these signs are delivered, they will be erected at some of the heavier used access points.

Submitted by: /s/ J. A. Sims
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Supervisor

WORK PLAN XVII: Operation of Management Areas

Title: Zemurray Park Deer Management Area

Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

II. MANAGEMENT

Job 1 Managed Deer Hunt

This job pertained to the three day controlled still hunt for deer. The season was for either sex deer and the number of hunters was limited to 110 per day. These were selected by public drawing from mail-in requests.

Two hundred seventy-one of the possible 330 hunters actually made use of their permits. Thirty-seven deer, consisting of 18 bucks and 19 does, were brought out of the area of 5,000 acres. Weights of these animals ranged from 35 lbs. to 133 lbs. (live weight). All of the animals brought out were in good physical condition, and showed a much lower infestation by ticks than those of all prior hunts.

III. MAINTENANCE

Job 1 Roads and Bridge Maintenance

Work on this job was handled intermittently throughout the year. Gravel was applied as needed; two 30 foot culverts were installed; approximately one mile of new road was completed, and the bridge decking and bannisters were repaired or replaced as needed.

Job 2 Fence Repairs

This job consisted of minor fence repairs, on occasion, throughout the year. These were carried out by the area supervisor with the assistance (in some cases) of the Zemurray employees.

Job 3 Overnight Cabin

The maintenance phase of this job required nothing during this year.

WORK PLAN XVIII: Small Game Habitat Improvement

Title: Fenced Food Plots in District VII

Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

III. MAINTENANCE

Job 1 Food Plots

These 38 food plots were disked, fertilized and planted to brown top millet and common lespedeza as was planned; also, the plots which contained lespedeza bicolor were clipped early in the year in order to cause stooling of the bicolor plants.

WORK PLAN XIX: Public Hunt Management

Title: DeRidder Airport Public Hunting Area

Period: July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964

II. MANAGEMENT

Job 1 - Public Hunts

It was impossible to continue managed hunts on this area due to the fact that the landowner, Beauregard Parish Police Jury, in an effort to fence livestock off the landing strips, changed the fence lines and caused this area to be placed on the open range. Many cows and sheep are allowed to graze this section the entire year.

It was felt by the District Supervisor that the amount of hunting done on this area would not justify the cost of fencing the plots which were annual plantings. The job was not included in project renewals for the following year.

III. MAINTENANCE

Job 1 - Food Plot Maintenance

There was no work done on this job during the period covered by this project. The landowner, Beauregard Parish Police Jury, in an effort to fence livestock off the landing strips changed the fence lines and caused this area to be placed on the open range. Many cows and sheep are allowed to graze this section the year around.

It was felt by the District Supervisor that the amount of hunting done on this area would not justify the cost of fencing the plots which were planted annually.

This job will not be written up in the next year's work plans.

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/s/ J. D. Hair, Jr.
J. D. Hair, Jr., Director